THE EVENING CRITIC. ESTABLISHED AUGUST, 1868

The Commissioners and the Public Schools.

To the Editor of The Evening Critic:

On Saturday I called attention to the conduct of the District Commissioners in withholding estimates for school buildings, and especially to the fact that Congress had year after year rebuked them for the omission, either by calling for an amended estimate, or by making appropriations for the purpose without estimates from them. It is astonishing that the Commissioners should have drawn the attention of the President to this branch of their administration, for in addition to these several legislative expressions of disapprobation, the last Congress passed such an act of want of confidence in the Commissioners as would have led men of nicer sense of honor to resign at once. But let this pass.

I again ask attention to the claim of the Commissioners that more has been done during their three years of administration "to increase and improve" school accommodations than was ever done before in the same length of time.

As to "increase" of school-houses, enough has been said. As to "improvements," it is more risky to speak, because they are not pointed out. There is no bill of items fursished. The people are left to discover these improvements themselves as best they can. There are a few of them, however, which have attracted some public attention. I refer to the location of water-closets and privies in basements of school-houses, the substitution of bench-furniture for chair-furniture for pupils and Mr. Commissioner Dent's school-house plans. To the Editor of The Evening Critic:

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The location of water-closets in basements under school buildings appears to have been disapproved by the school board. Sanitary experts had sounded notes of warning. It was known that sewer-gas was deadly; that its presence could not always be detected by the odor; that it might escape into the buildings through defective plumbing or neglectful janifors, and that fatal results had happened in one case at least. Notwithstanding all this, the Commissioners persisted in forcing the closets into the busenents of the large new buildings, and there they are to-day exposing the thousands of children who will occupy these buildings to a very grave peril.

The defense put forth for this "improvoment" I understand to be economy. It was cheaper to use the basements than to build structures outside. Well, an economy which endangers life or health is not one I should care to boast of.

Then as to school furniture. The present authorities have "improved" by substituting benches for chairs. This is simple cruelty to children. It is bad enough to confine them five hours a day for five days in a week on comfortable chairs, but to torture them upon hard benches has a flavor of barbarism about it which reminds one of the rod and the ferule of other days. How long do you suppose a theatre could survive which offered its patrons benches for seats? Even the churches are constrained to relieve against the discomfort of benches by thick cushions and short sermons. The general judgment of civilized communities the world over has discarded benches. No man thinks of ordering them for his home or his office. Should Wash. Williams receive such an order he would at once send for Dr. Godding.

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And yet our present authorities seem to think that benches are plenty good enough for school children. Their idea seems to be that children ought to get hardened in some way, and if they can stand these benches they can stand anything. I am not sure but the theory is correct. It does look like

a supreme test.

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And what is the explanation put forward in defense of this bench furniture "improvement?" Why, it is cheaper. Well, it would be still cheaper not to furnish any seats at all for the pupils.

The third "improvement," which seems to have attracted public attention, is Mr. Commissioner Dent's "plans," as exemplified in the Force building and in the Uniontown building. These plans are so objectionable that Congress undertook to guard against a like calamity in the future by taking away from the Commissioners all control over the plans of school-houses. Whether it has succeeded is doubtful, if rumor speaks truly. I am afraid, through their connivance or assent, the District may soon possess another school-building of which nobody will be very proud; certainly the soon possess another school-building of which nobody will be very proud; certainly the architect selected by Congress declines to

that town, who fear further crimes at the hands of those daft and irresponsible men. Ever since Washington was made the seat of government it has been the focus for the floating insanity of the country. Madmen of every description have found there their natural bourne, and many who would otherwise have been unable to go to the Capital have been sent there as a cheaper disposal of them than paying their expenses at home asylums. This system of unloading has gone on for years, and Washington to-day has certainly a larger percentage of crazy men within its limits than any other city in the land. The proof of this fact is to be founded upon every great occasion in our city. Four lunaties presented themselves to be inaugurated at Garfield's inauguration. More than a dozen did the same thing at Grant's last inauguration. When Nellie Grant was married six crazy men turned up at the White anguration. When Nellie Grant was married six crazy men turned up at the White House on the appointed day, each claiming to be the groom. During the excitement following the Rathan murder four Washington cranks gave themselves up to the police as the criminals. Some of the lunatics of Washington have already achieved a national reputation. Colonel Pinchover, for instance, and his Latapoe Canal scheme have become famous. There are four Presidents, three Kings, a Queen and an Emporer in the Washington Insane Asylum and more than a hundred mild monomaniaes with financial schemes at large in the town. Instances might be multiplied indefinitely of these crazy folk, because since the attempt on the President the detectives have been active in discovering just how much lunacy is loose at the Capital. With these madmen unconfined, all of them liable to change their mania at any time, no public man is safe. No one can say what sudden gust of madfined, all of them liable to change their mania at any time, no public man is safe. No one can say what sudden gust of madness may turn their shattered minds toward assassination, and the means of murder are of civil years and costs not far from \$4.000. assassination, and the means of murder are within the reach of every man. Under stress of great public excitement it would be singular if Guiteau should not find not one, but many disciples among the demented floating population of Washington. Something will have to be done to abridge this danger. Assassination becomes epidemic just as suicide does, and the country cannot afford to lie at the merey of any maniac who can raise money enough to buy a revolver.

Battery.

Students sman. Some structed has become disgusted with Vennor, and has engaged a weather prophet of its own. Following are his predictions for July: "The first three days will be clear or cloudy, or warm or cool, with perhaps showers. The Fourth will come on the day after the third, as usual. There will be some heavy showers, but no snow. The greatest storm of the month will occur beween the 1st and 31st. The morning of the 21st will be decidedly

known druggist, Fourteenth and I streets— Ebbitt House—is the agent.

THE YORKTOWN FLEET.

Penetration of Rifle Bullets.

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Hartford (Conn.) Courant, July 8.

Col. Corbin, of the War Department, an old friend of Gen. Garfield and a constant visitor at the White House, says: "I have an idea that a ball does not have its greatest power of penetration directly upon leaving the muzzle, and we are busy now in trying to discover some data upon this question." Others have imagined such a thing before and have experimented. A ball, certainly, is at its greatest velocity upon leaving the muzzle, and whether it has its greatest penetration then depends upon the character of the substance into which it is discharged. Col. Corbin will find that if he discharges a rifle-ball with 70 grains of powder into a bank of clear sand, it will flatten out into a "rose" almost as if he had fired against as iron target at, say, 500 yards, and penetrate a comwhich it is discharged. Col. Corbin will must be dear a fife-ball with 70 grains of powder into a bank of clear sand, it will flatten out into a "rose" and, it will flatten out into a "rose" and it will great a common product, the sends a similar ball the same distance into the sand with only, say, 40 grains of powder, the second ball will preserve its form much better and penetrate very much to the sand three feet with comparatively into the body of the church where, unfortunately, a number of persons had congregated to attend the afternoon services. The congregation consisted mostly of women, many of whom were killed and the rest badly wounded. Twenty of the workmen were instantly killed and the rest badly wounded. Twenty of the workmen were instantly killed and the rest badly wounded, as which many result from an increase or described in the charge, as well as from greater to less distance. It is probable that he will find this effect less in firing into feesh than whe

The Earth's Population.

From the New York World.

Behm and Wagner, in the last edition of their book on the population of the earth, estimate the entire population of the inhabited globe at 1,456,000,000 persons. estimate the entire population of the inhabited globe at 1,456,000,000 persons. Europe, without counting Icelandand Nova Zembla, is believed to have 315,929,000 inhabitants on an area of 176,349,9 German square miles, or at the rate of 1,791 persons to the German square mile; Asia is put down as having 834,707,000 inhabitants on 809,478 square miles—that is, 1,031 persons to the square mile; Africa, as having 205,679,000 inhabitants on 543,187 square miles, or 378 persons to the square mile; America, as having 95,495,500 on 697,138.5 square miles, or 137 to the square mile; Australasia, as having 4,031,000 on 162,609 square miles, that is, 24 persons to the square mile; the Arctic regions are assumed to have the Arctic regions are assumed to have 82,000 inhabitants on 82,091 square miles, or about one person to every square mile. The sum total, as observed, is 1,455,923,500 persons on 2,470,998.4 square miles, or at the rate of 589 persons to the German square mile. The German Empire comprises 9,815.6 square miles, with a population in 1878 of 44,210,948 persons.

Persecuting Russian Jews.

The anti-Jewish riots in Southern Russia resulted in the destruction of property valued at \$3,600,000, a smaller amount than the first account reported. All the leading rioters have now been tried at Kief by court-martial, and several were condemned to loss of civil rights and terms of imprisonment varying from a few months to three and-a-half years. One individual, at least, was condemned to twenty years' exile in son was denied the poor privilege of having his protest against it entered of record on the minutes of the School board. No wonder the minutes of the District are worrying the mind of the President.

SECOND DIVISION.

Washington Maniacs.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The great number of dangerous lunatics now at large in Washington is very naturally exciting the attention of the people of that town, who fear further crimes at the hands of those daft and irresponsible men. Ever since Washington was made the seat of government it has been the focus for the floating insanity of the country. Madmen for the proper of the content of the president of the president of the president of the proper of the president of the proper of the proper of the proper of the president of the proper of t

From the Ruffalo Courier The leading papers of the Dominion have often denied the existence in Canada of any sentiment in favor of separation from Great Britain and annexation to the United States. Yet from time to time manifesta-tions appear which show that the Canadian tions appear which show that the Canadian press does not entirely represent popular opinion in this respect. This seems to be particularly true of the region just across the Niagara River. A correspondent of the Toronto Globe, writing from Niagara Falls, Ontario, says that in his locality there is a comparatively large number of annexationists. Moreover, the smaller papers sometimes give expression to sentiments favoring independence or annexation such as the leading party organs carefully exclude from their columns.

Dr. Rhodes' Transfusing Battery, advertised in another column, is an article of real merit and is worth its weight in gold. It will positively do what is claimed for it. Money cheerfully refunded to all using it a reasonable length of time if they are not satisfied. Mr. R. K. Helphenstinc, the well-known druggist. Fourteenth and Fatrents.

-Platt to Sprague : Shoot me too,

Republic of Gustemain.

Interview With Secretary Hunt.

"I suppose that the Yorktown celebration will bring a great many naval vessels to the Roads," remarked the correspondent.

"Yes, we shall have the four training ships there with their large crews of hungry boys, besides all the vessels of the North Atlantic Squadron. The Trenton, now in the Mediterranean, is ordered home, and she will bring the descendants of Lafayette and of the French Commissioners. She will go direct to the Roads, and it is quite probable that a number of vessels belonging to the French Navy will also be there during the celebration."

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sult of the census.

The annal revenue of the republic was, in 1877, 34,520,000, one-third of which was derived from duties on imports. The ex-

enormous, and as yet its character is unknown to the men who are most deeply interested in stopping further proceedings. Hence, doubtless, the abuse of the Attorney-General. It will not avail.

Fate of a Patriotic Tramp.

The Police Court beak, the honorable Snell, called the turn this morning on a wooden-legged tramp named Frank Pile, and sent him to the workhouse for thirty days. This was rough on Pile, who has been among the most faithful of those who have lingered around the entrance to the Executive Mansion grounds watching the progress of the President's condition. When Pile had been lowered down the shaft and the windlass had ceased its creakings, the "thugs" over in the cooler joined in the following anthem: following anthem:

"Ob, Franklin dear, we live in fear That we will meet at the ri-ver; His Honor here, now on his ear, Has turned a stern Pile-driver."

Pile paid no heed to the song of his boon companions, but as he passed out of sight he whispered to Bailiff Barton, asking him to send him the latest bulletin of the Presi-dent's condition to-night, so that he could go to sleep knowing in just what position the country stood.

Summary of Yesterday's News. —The steamship Arizona, for the safety of which there were some fears, has arrived

-Eighty-three burial permits were issued in Chicago, Saturday, the largest number in the history of the city for one day,

and for this great evidence of his goodness to this Nation, and he further suggests that the governors of New York, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Maryland and Ohio be a com-mittee to fix upon the day to be observed.

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—The Socialist Salon party, of Chicago, had a meeting yesterday and denounced the attempted assassination of the President by Guiteau. They emphatically deny that socialistic principles had anything to do with it. They think it was the natural outgrowth of the concentration of power in the President and Senate and the last resolution adopted is as follows: Resolved, That we hope that this attempted assassination will call the people's attention to the we hope that this attempted assassination will call the people's attention to the dangerous power invested in the President of this country, and that it will lead to the speedy abolition of that office and of the United States Senate, which is a little less pernicious and dangerous and equally undemocratic and absurd.

than ever bonds that unite the people of his country into one harmonious family. May he and his family take consolation in the thought that posterity will cherish the President's name as one of the great martyrs who gave their blood for the great cause of

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FRENCH,—At Bangor, Me., Sunday morning, the 10th inst., Margaret, infaut child of William B, and May Babson French, of this city, aged 14

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LINDSAY.—At Richmond, Va., on Sunday,
July 19, Mrs. Caroline Lindsay, mother of Rev.
Dr. John S. Lindsay, rector of St. John's Church,
West Washington. The deceased was 70 years old,
and formerly of Williamsburg, W. Ve.
MEANY.—Yesterlay Sunday) morning, July
16, at 6 o'clock, at the residence of his parents, corter of Eighteenth and T streets, James Meany, betored son of John and Johanna Meany.
The funeral will take place to morrow (Tuesday)
morning, at 2 o'clock, with requiem mass at St.
Matthew's church.
SMOUT.—July 9, Mrs. Eilzabeth Smoot, relict of
the late John 11, Smoot, aged 75 years.
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By virtue of a deed of trust dated 28th day of May, 1878 and daly recorded in liber No. 888, follo 234, one of the land recorded in liber No. 888, follo 234, one of the land records of the District of Columbia, and at the request of the party secured thereby, I will offer at unbilesate in front of the premises on Friday, July lb, at 6 p. m., lot numbered 19 of Davidson's sub-distain of square 25, sub-division made 28th day of February, 1822 lot 10 is part of original lot 21 in said square.

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